



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

October 21, 2024

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

**PRESENT:** Councillor Tim Bennett  
Councillor Garth Frizzell  
Councillor Trudy Klassen  
Councillor Ron Polillo  
Councillor Cori Ramsay  
Councillor Kyle Sampson  
Councillor Susan Scott  
Councillor Brian Skakun <Acting Mayor> <Chair>

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Walter Babicz, City Manager  
Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development  
Kris Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services  
Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events  
Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services  
Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations  
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Catherine Sikobe, Legislative Services Assistant

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### A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for October 21, 2024, BE ADOPTED.*

**Carried Unanimously**

### B. MINUTES

#### B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2024

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

*That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held October 7, 2024, BE ADOPTED as read on this day and that such minutes as read set out all of the business before Council at that meeting and fully and properly record all of the resolutions passed by Council at that meeting.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**C. DELEGATION(S)**

**D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)**

Council requested further consideration of consent agenda items D.1, D.4, and D.5.

**D.1 2024 Q3 Council Contingency Report**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Finance and Audit the report dated October 5, 2024 from the Director of Finance and IT Services titled “2024 Q3 Council Contingency Report” for consideration on how and whether unspent Council Contingency funds should be transferred into a Council Contingency Reserve.*

**Defeated**

**Councillor Bennett, Polillo, Sampson, Scott, and Skakun opposed.**

**D.2 2024 Q3 Delegated Authority Report**

**D.3 2024 Q3 Procurement Quarterly Report**

**D.4 2024 Q3 Consultant Spending Report**

**D.5 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (September 2024)**

**D.6 2024 Q3 Successful Grant Applications Report**

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda items D.1 to D.6.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E. REPORTS**

COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL, COUNCILLOR TRUDY KLASSEN, AND COUNCILLOR KYLE SAMPSON

**E.1 Notice of Motion: Amalgamation of Motions for Psychiatric Care Facility**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That Council DIRECTS the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee to engage in a strategic advocacy campaign in support of the Provincial Government establishing a Northern BC standalone secure psychiatric care facility in Prince George with appropriate capitalization and ongoing operational funding. This facility would support individuals requiring complex psychiatric, addictions, and mental health care, reducing the burden on existing hospital and healthcare infrastructure. This advocacy should be pursued in tandem with the existing advocacy initiatives under our Intergovernmental MOU with other locally elected officials (MPs, MLAs, LTFN, FFGRD).*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council DIRECTS the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee to advocate for provincial legislation based on expert consultation that would enable involuntary admittance to specialized, compassionate care facilities. The intent is to provide care for those who are at risk for causing extreme harm to themselves or the broader community, and cannot self-identify the medically-recognized need for treatment and admission into a specialized care facility.*

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That Council ENDORSES Dr. Barbara Kane’s petition to the Provincial Government and Northern Health for the development of a psychiatric hospital in Northern BC, since it supports and furthers the city’s advocacy efforts.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That Council DIRECTS Administration to develop a communications strategy, in collaboration with the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, to communicate Council’s endorsement of Dr. Kane’s petition, the advocacy works the City will undertake, and to advocate that other Northern BC local governments to join this effort.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*That Council DIRECTS Administration to forward the resolutions passed regarding the notice of motion "Amalgamation of Motions for Psychiatric Care Facility" to NCLGA and UBCM as part of the overall advocacy and communications strategy.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL AND COUNCILLOR TRUDY KLASSEN**

**E.1.1 Notice of Motion: Support Development of Psychiatric Care Facility in Prince George**

**COUNCILLOR KYLE SAMPSON**

**E.1.2 Notice of Motion: Psychiatric Hospital Advocacy**

As a result of Council’s approval of recommendations 1 through 5 at agenda item E.1, agenda items E.1.1 and E.1.2 were not considered.

**COUNCILLOR KYLE SAMPSON**

**E.2 Notice of Motion: Sustainable Finance Policy - Council's Capital Expenditure Oversight**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That Council AMENDS the City of Prince George Sustainable Finance Policy, specifically section 8 Capital Expenditure Plan, Policy 8.5, to read as follows:*

*"Policy 8.5*

- a. Twice per year, Administration will report information to the Finance and Audit Committee and Council concerning the progress of active capital projects that meet the threshold of “significant” defined as “budget or actual spending of \$1million or more, as well as debt funded projects, Endowment Reserve funded projects, and any of the Emergency Infrastructure Reinvestment capital projects.*
- b. Once quarterly, Administration will report information to Council and the Finance and Audit Committee concerning the progress and status of active capital projects that meet the threshold of “substantial” defined as “budget or actual spending of \$10 million or more on a stand-alone project, as well as debt funded projects, Endowment Reserve funded projects, and any of the Emergency Infrastructure Reinvestment capital projects”.*

**Moved By** Councillor Klassen  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Finance and Audit for further consideration the notice of motion from Councillor Sampson regarding the Sustainable Finance Policy.*

**Defeated**

**Councillors Bennett, Polillo, Ramsay, and Sampson opposed.**

**Main motion.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPEANU**

**E.3 Bi-Annual Town Hall Proposal**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That That Council APPROVES the following three staff recommendations in the report titled, “Bi-annual town hall proposal” from the Director of Administrative Services dated September 23, 2024:*

- 1. That the town hall or open house style event held each fall as part of the budget engagement process be considered to meet one of the two engagements requested by the July 22, 2024, Council resolution.*
- 2. That each spring a public in-person session be held with the topic and format of the event to be determined by staff depending on the issue or project of significance at that time.*
- 3. That the communications division budget be increased by \$25,000 to allow for the appropriate funding for any of the engagement options.*

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

**H. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned to the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

**H.1 Section 219 Covenant Application No. RC000026 (Bylaw No. 9477)**

Applicant: Stantec Consulting Ltd. on behalf of 1451187 B.C. Ltd., Inc.  
No. BC1451187

Location: 3737 Highway 16 East

Documents for Council's consideration of "Section 219 Covenant Application No. RC000026 (Bylaw No. 9477)" included:

1. Previously submitted staff report dated August 12, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Section 219 Covenant Application No. RC000026 (Bylaw No. 9477)" (Considered at the September 9, 2024 regular council meeting);
  - a. Location and Zoning Map;
  - b. Exhibit "A" to RC000026;
  - c. Exhibit "B" to RC000026; and
  - d. Section 219 Restrictive Covenant (PT019913).

**Applicant:**

The applicant was in attendance and available for questions.

**Representations from Members of the Public:**

A resident who resides on Old Cariboo Highway attended Centre Table and noted concerns regarding the application related to adequate drainage on the property.

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That the Public Hearing regarding "Section 219 Covenant Application No. RC000026 (Bylaw No. 9477)", BE CLOSED.*

**Carried Unanimously**

The Public Hearing adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:14 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*That Council GIVES THIRD READING to "City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 9477, 2024" to discharge Section 219 Covenant registered as Land Title Office Document No. PT19913 on Lot A, District Lot 632, Cariboo District, Plan PGP48073.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - DEANNA WASNIK**

**E.4 Request for Concurrence - Proposed TELUS Wireless Communications Facility (BC104270)**

Applicant: Cypress Land Services on behalf of TELUS Communications Inc.

Location: 2527 Redfield Place

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

*That Council INSTRUCTS the Corporate Officer to advise Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada in writing that:*

- a. *TELUS Communications Inc. (TELUS) has satisfactorily completed its consultation with the City of Prince George;*
- b. *The City of Prince George is satisfied with TELUS' public consultation process and does not require any further consultation with the public; and*
- c. *The City of Prince George concurs with TELUS' proposal to construct a wireless communications facility provided it be constructed substantially in accordance with the plans submitted to the City of Prince George for a 19.1 m monopole and ancillary equipment (BC104270) at 2527 Redfield Place (Lot 1, District Lot 4377, Cariboo District, Plan EPP56990).*

**Carried Unanimously**

**F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION**

**F.1 City of Prince George Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 9504, 2024**

Councillor Polillo declared a conflict of interest due to employment with AimHi and volunteer work with the Prince George Italian Club and exited Council Chambers at 7:17 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 9504, 2024.”*

**Carried Unanimously**

Councillor Polillo returned to Council Chambers at 7:18 p.m.

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

Council requested further consideration of correspondence items G.1 and G.2.

**G.1 Correspondence dated September 23, 2023 from Ambrose Young, Registrar, Youth Parliament of BC Alumni Society: British Columbia Youth Parliament, 96th Parliament**

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*That Council REFERS to Administration to return a report to Council with options on reinstating sending student delegates to NCLGA, UBCM, FCM conferences and conventions, and providing a scholarship in support of a local youth delegate attending the Youth Parliament program in 2025.*

**Carried**

**Councillor Sampson opposed.**

**G.2 Correspondence dated October 11, 2024 from Terri McClymont, Executive Director, REAPS: Request for a Resolution in Support of Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Grant Application**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Recycling and Environmental Action Planning Society (REAPS) for a grant of \$30,000 towards the construction of the Education Centre in the Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION correspondence items G.1 and G.2.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*That there being no further business the Regular Council Meeting, BE ADJOURNED.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:26 P.M.**

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